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The Rail Strike And the Nation

Who is responsible for the railroad strike and the tie-up of the nation's economic life?

The press and the radio, subservient to corporate wealth, cry that this situation has been created heedlessly by a few labor leaders and their unions.

In this hue and cry, the desperate needs of railroad workers and their families are forgotten. The crime of the railroad owners, the managers, the Wall St. banks, is overlooked.

The truth behind this outrageous defiance of labor's needs and of the nation's welfare lies in the deliberate effort to create chaos and disorganization in the country as the background for a Congressional attack upon all trade unions.

The American people have long known the insolence of the railroad barons. For generations, they have plundered the land, looted the government treasury, and fattened on free grants handed to them by corrupt legislatures.

If the railroad magnates were in the least interested in normal collective bargaining and in avoiding a tieup, they would have shown a willingness to discuss the provisions of the contract rules governing working conditions.

No Other Recourse

The men on strike have long been known as among America's most conservative unionists. They haven't been on strike for more than 50 years. Large numbers of them hold seniority of 30 and 40 years. They have patiently gone through the long mediation process imposed upon them by the Railway Labor Act.

Nevertheless, they were left with no recourse but to strike.

The railroad workers are today among the lowest in the scale of labor standards. This is the consequence of the Railway Labor Act, designed to tie the workers hard and fast.

In the last 10 years, railroad workers' hourly wages declined from second to 27th, or bottom place.

Not generally known to public opinion are the abominable conditions which railroad workers regard as the major issue.

Railroad workers in the operating crafts still do not have the eight-hour day.

• They do not get time and one-half or any other kind of overtime consideration for Saturday, Sunday or holiday work.

• They do not get any paid holidays.

• There is no differential for those working nights.

• They have no sick leave.

It's a Fact

To millions of union members it must seem strange that these members of our oldest unions still do not have these provisions, considered so elementary in the average union contract. But it is a fact.

Why should America's richest monopolists be exempt from complying with the Wagner Act, Wage Hour Law, and the ordinary provisions of a union contract?

Why do they refuse to discuss anything but wages—and that only if they are assured a rise in railroad rates?

The hysterical show that the reactionaries are now staging in Congress, points to the answer. The

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We Strike: Before the Penn Station Dispatcher's office, trainmen raise their hats and cheer as word is received that the strike is on.

Poland Protests UN Aide's Greeting to Bor

An international scandal hit the United Nations yesterday when one of its assistant secretary generals, J. B. Hutson, was revealed as having greeted the traitorous Polish reactionary, Gen. Bor-Komorowski, at a Metropolitan Club luncheon. The Polish Government, whose ambassador, Oscar Lange, holds a seat on the Security Council, protested vigorously to secretary general Trygve Lie over such a fantastic insult to Poland.

As the Daily Worker went to press, Lie was expected to issue a statement explaining the behavior of his aide. Hutson is a former official of the Department of Agriculture.

The Daily Worker spoke with Hutson earlier in the day, and he admitted having attended the Metropolitan Club luncheon. He was invited by Grover Whalen as part of Mayor O'Dwyer's elaborate ceremonies for Gen. Bor.

Hutson said he had uttered only a few sentences but recalled upon questioning that he had "welcomed" Gen. Bor in the name of the United Nations.

This was an insult to Poland, and the Polish delegation reacted.

The incident highlighted the provocative character of Bor's visit to the United States, which was arranged by the State Department with the cooperation of the British Foreign Office.

The question arose of Bor's passport. As a leader of the armed forces of the former exiled government, he does not carry official Polish credentials.

Yet if he has been made a British citizen he is clearly parading under false colors in pretending to speak for anything Polish.

Queries at the State Department over this point brought no satisfactory reply.

BOR'S ADMISSION

Earlier in the day, Gen. Bor admitted British and American diplomatic officials have been aiding his anti-Soviet campaign.

Bor, whose real name is Tadeusz Komorowski, wore the uniform of

an officer of the old Polish regime at a hotel Astoria press conference. He sat on a high dais, covered with a bright, regal vermillion.

His most preposterous lie was the statement that all anti-Semitic demonstrations in Poland are organized by the Soviet Union's political police.

"What are your sources for that statement?" asked the Daily Worker reporter.

"Refugees," said Bor, and then added he "checked the facts for himself."

HIS AGENTS

"Do you have representatives in Poland doing this checking?"

"I don't need any agents," Bor replied. "The agents of other nations give me the facts."

"What agents, what nations?" he was asked.

"Anglo-Saxon consular agents," Bor replied.

Mention of Franco Spain brought a giggle from Bor.

"Do you consider Franco Spain a menace to world peace, as Poland has charged?" he was asked.

"Spain a menace to peace—that's comical," Bor giggled back.

His sponsors here are the reactionary American Polish Congress, whose down-state leader, Francis J. Wazeter, acted as his interpreter yesterday, and the pro-fascist organization of American Citizens of Polish Descent, whose ideological leader is Ignacy Matuszewski, a former leader of the old Polish regime.

CITY HALL AFFAIR

Later yesterday at an official City Hall reception, Bor pleaded again for anti-Soviet action by the Allies after receiving Mayor O'Dwyer's citation of honor. Coun-

cilman Hugh Quinn, Queens Republican and darling of the Christian Front, sat near Bor and gestured his approval.

At 2:30 p.m. the Polonia Society of the International Workers Order will throw a picket line in front of the 69th Armory at Lexington Ave. and 26th St., where Bor is speaking.

At 3 p.m. the Polonia Society will stage an open air demonstration against Bor on the 23 St. and Madison Ave. corner of Madison Square Park. Sophie Klecker of the Polonia Society will be one of the speakers.

Yugoslavia Won't Answer Note

BELGRADE, May 24 (UP).—Foreign Minister Stanoje Simic told Parliament yesterday that Yugoslavia has no intention of answering the second American note requesting permission for American pilots to testify in behalf of Gen. Draja Mihailovitch at his treason trial.

Simic said further discussion would constitute government permission for foreign intervention in internal Yugoslav affairs. He said only the court could decide what witnesses would be heard.

Both American notes, Simic said, presented "a most peculiar basic idea that the testimony of American pilots rescued by Mihailovitch would create alleviating circumstances for him."

Interest also should be shown in the cases in which Mihailovitch handed over allied pilots to the enemy.

Chiang Is Flown To Manchuria in Marshall's Plane

Chiang Kai-shek, the Chinese dictator, arrived in Mukden, southern Manchuria, in Gen. George C. Marshall's airplane yesterday, after the Kuomintang armies had moved into Changchun practically unopposed by the Chinese democratic and Communist armies.

[The Yenan radio was reported by United Press to have reiterated charges that the United States was still transporting Kuomintang troops and supplies by plane to Manchuria. This was denied by American authorities.]

The Communist-democratic alliance in Manchuria had liberated Changchun several weeks ago, after which the Kuomintang initiated large-scale civil war moves.

Chiang is supposed to have been prepared to extend the truce to Manchuria if the Communists would yield Changchun. It remains to be seen whether the dictator will live up to his promise.

The Communist armies, after contesting the rail junction of Szeping-kai below Changchun, withdrew to Kirin, 60 miles to the east.

It was also reported that Chou En-lai, chief Communist negotiator, proposed a propaganda truce to the Kuomintang Information Minister, Peng Hsueh-pai.

Gen. George C. Marshall, the American envoy, had urged such a truce several days ago.

2 More Women Die In Officers' Bilets

FRANKFURT, May 24 (UP).—Provost Marshall officials today disclosed the deaths of two more women in officers' bilets in occupied Germany.

The announcement said an American girl committed suicide in a warrant officer's apartment near Kassel, and that a German girl took her own life in a first lieutenant's bilet at Nuernberg.

Bevin Defends Egypt Policy

LONDON, May 24 (UP).—British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin, disclosing Britain has 200,000 men in Egypt, told commons today the 1936 treaty "must stand" if current negotiations produced no substitute for defense of the Suez Canal.

The debate was highlighted by reports that a breakdown in negotiations was caused by British insistence its troops be permitted to re-enter Egypt if war threatened.

JERUSALEM, May 24 (UP).—The Palestine Arab higher committee today sent a memorandum to the United States and Great Britain urging withdrawal of all foreign troops and establishment of an Arab state in Palestine.

Hits UN Role On Azerbaijan

TABRIZ, Azerbaijan, May 23. (Delayed) (UP).—Jasfar Pishevari, premier of the Azerbaijan regime, today deplored what he described as United Nations "interference" in Azerbaijan and said the UN Security Council should concentrate on Egypt and India.

Trygve Lie, secretary general of the United Nations, announced he had called a meeting of the UN commission on atomic energy for June 14.

Stop Imperialist Intervention in China

American intervention continues to prolong disunity, civil war and a pro-fascist dictatorship in China. By giving exclusive support to Chiang Kai-shek's reactionary government the United States is preventing the consummation of China's democratic unity and is trampling under foot the sovereignty of the Chinese people.

Such has been the effect of the War and the State departments' frantic effort to turn China, one of our allies, into a strategic base against another ally, the Soviet Union.

The chief instrument of this imperialist policy is the tottering dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek. This treacherous, corrupt and decadent regime is on the brink of collapse in face of the patriotism and democratic power of the Chinese people.

PROPPED UP

But the Kuomintang is being propped up by American political, economic and military aid. Kuomintang troops are being trained, equipped, provisioned, serviced, transported and directed by the United States in a civil war against the people's armed forces, which have been developed under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party through eight years of all-out resistance to the Japanese.

American military intervention continues at the present moment, half a year after Gen. Marshall's first visit. Under his predecessor, Maj. Gen. Pat Hurley, Kuomintang troops were transported by Americans to North China; under General Marshall they are being

shipped to Manchuria. Imperialist intervention remains the keystone of American policy.

TACTICAL CHANGES

There have been tactical changes made in the execution of America's imperialist policy between Hurley's mission and that of Marshall's. The strength of the Chinese democratic movement and the nationwide protest of the American people have forced upon the American government a modification of Ambassador Hurley's effort to eliminate China's democratic forces by all-out civil war.

But the American policy of imperialist domination through support of Chinese reaction remains the same.

With the signing of a pact between U. S. military headquarters and Chiang's government to repatriate Japanese civilians from Manchuria—over 70 percent of whose territory and population is now under the administration of Chinese Communists and local democrats—a new pretext is provided to extend American military occupation to that part of the country, while Soviet forces, after having destroyed the strongest military machine of Japanese imperialism, the Kwantung army, have completely evacuated Manchuria.

RUDE AWAKENING

The cease-fire agreement between the Kuomintang and Communist forces effected in January soon after Gen. Marshall's arrival came only after the decisive defeat last October by the Communists of eight of Chiang's American trained and equipped

divisions in northern Honan province in less than two weeks.

It was obviously absurd to think that China's democratic forces could be wiped out in half a year as dreamed by Chiang, Hurley, and Maj. Gen. Wedemeyer, American Commander-in-Chief in China.

A temporary truce was indispensable to Chiang and American imperialism, to obtain a breathing space to accumulate greater strength to fight the Communists, who seek internal peace, national unity and the democratization of China.

It was the Honan defeat and his own weakness which forced Chiang to accede to the agreements reached among Chiang's Kuomintang, the Chinese Communists, the Democratic League and non-partisan leaders, with Gen. Marshall as the mediator.

CONCESSIONS

With a genuine spirit of reconciliation and self-sacrifice, the Communists conceded the leading posts to Chiang and his Kuomintang in the contemplated coalition government and in the constitutional convention.

The reorganized and unified national army was to have one Communist division to every five of the Kuomintang. These concessions were made with the stipulations that Chiang was to end his one-party dictatorship, that he was to accept democratic principles for the new constitution, and that he must immediately cease his criminal war drive.

Whatever benefited Chiang also benefited American imperialism, and Gen. Marshall was supposed to guarantee Chiang's observance

of the agreements.

The General was fully capable of doing this. The State Department announced upon Marshall's trip to China last December that any American assistance to the movement of Kuomintang troops must henceforth be given with his approval.

As a special plenipotentiary, Marshall could also restrain Chiang simply by withholding all-out American aid, without which the dictatorship could last a few months at best in a military contest with its people.

REPUDIATION

Gen. Marshall returned to America two months after the Political Consultative Council agreements. But even before he boarded his plane a meeting of the Kuomintang's Central Executive Committee under the authoritarian command of Chiang had already repudiated all essential points of the agreements, especially in relation to stipulations for a coalition government and a constitution to bar the continuation of one-party dictatorship.

As a result the Constituent Convention scheduled for May 5 had to be postponed indefinitely. The coalition government to be established before the convention to replace the dictatorship has not materialized.

American transports continue to land Kuomintang troops in Manchuria, where extensive drives have been launched against the local forces which, in spite of Chiang's explicit command to yield to the enemy, had been fighting the Japanese imperialists ever since the fall of Mukden in

1931.

Anti-Soviet demonstrations accompanied by physical violence were organized by the reactionary clique of the Kuomintang throughout the country, on the pretext of demanding the withdrawal from Manchuria of Soviet troops whose departure had been repeatedly delayed on Chiang's request.

Such violence was perpetuated in the name of newly granted "civil and political liberty" while the promised release of political prisoners netted only two Communists, one of whom soon perished in a plane "accident."

MORE LOANS

In the midst of these developments the American government arranged for further loans, credits and supplies for Chiang's government. Although Washington spokesmen denied that a loan of half a billion dollars had been granted, it was admitted that smaller credits totalling about one-sixth of that sum had already been certified by the Export-Import Bank.

In a press conference held in Washington in April Gen. Marshall revealed that the American army was eventually to withdraw from China, but that a sizable military mission was to be maintained and that the Marines at "peacetime" strength were to stay in North China.

This is certainly a flagrant disregard of Chinese sovereignty. It is part of the Wall Street drive for world domination. It is one aspect of Wall Street's preparation for a new World War. It also indicates definitely that

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Truman Weighs Anti-Strike Actions

WASHINGTON, May 24 (UP).—President Truman will address a special joint session of Congress at 4 p.m. (EST) tomorrow, and there seemed little doubt that he was preparing action of the most forceful nature to halt the strike. The announcement came from the White House at the end of a dramatic strategy meeting between Truman and his top aides.

Rail Strike Almost 100% Effective; No Violence

The American Association of Railroads announced only 240 freight trains, about one percent of the normal number, were operated yesterday. About 100 passenger trains of the normal 17,500 were moving. This included trains of the Illinois Central Railroad, some

employees and "volunteers."

The Pennsylvania Railroad, the Baltimore & Ohio, Chicago & Northwestern, Union Pacific and several other lines announced plans for such scab trains. The 18 railroad craft unions not on strike will have to decide whether to work with strikebreakers.

NO VIOLENCE

It was also the most peaceful rail strike. Hardly an incident was reported as the second day passed. At Philadelphia two trainmen were arrested on the claim of a railroad policeman that he saw them "tamper" with a switch. They were placed on \$5,000 bail each. But there was no incident of violence anywhere.

A strikebreaking pattern was becoming evident. A number of companies announced plans to operate trains with supervisors, white-collar

Labor Legionnaires Say Vets Won't Scab

Reports that railroad corporations were considering use of vets as strikebreakers were assailed yesterday by leaders of the National Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires.

Charles Vencill, national president, stated, "We do not believe vets should be used as tools in a labor dispute."

Vice-president Henry Geiss predicted veterans won't allow themselves to be used as scabs.

Vencill added if ex-GIs "have had their hands on a throttle, it's a cinch they are union members."

The Labor Legionnaires are meeting in the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn.

employees and "volunteers."

ARMY CONSULTATIONS

Reports from Washington indicate rapid preparation for government strikebreaking. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower returned to the capital to consult his Army staff and Secretary of War Patterson.

The Navy was also reported combining its ranks for experienced rail personnel.

The vital role of railroads in the country's economy began to impress itself strongly in reports of shut-down plans.

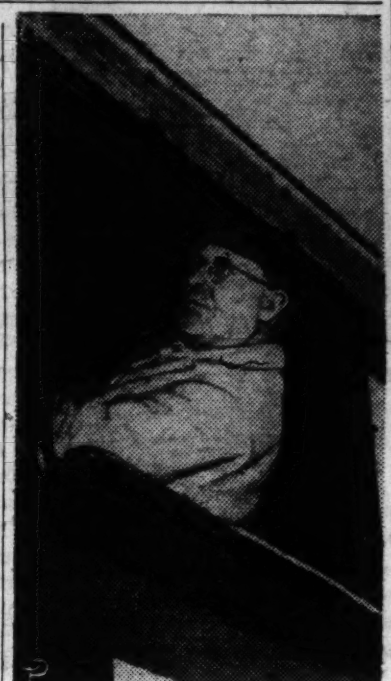
First to be affected are 1,414,000 railroad workers, of whom only the 250,000 trainmen and engineers are actually on strike.

TRY TO PANIC PUBLIC

Nevertheless, it was also apparent that many of the statements by business executives on shutdowns or planned shutdowns, are issued mainly to build up panic.

The Meat Institute was among those issuing most alarming reports. Similar scare warnings were issued by other food companies. The immediate effect was soaring prices on some items. The alarm had to be countered with appeals of public officials against a run on food stores.

The Post Office Department issued a drastic ban on all mail but letters and post cards. Even first class mail must be limited to one pound.



Scab: Sam Reed, New York Central engine superintendent, is shown at the throttle of the Twilight Limited as he leaves Chicago for Detroit in a puny effort to mar the 100 percent walkout.

Strike in Finland On Govt. Railways

HELSINKI, May 24, (UP).—All state railway workers, except engineers, said today they would strike May 28 unless given wage increases.

Citrus Fruits Up

WASHINGTON, May 24 (UP).—The OPA announced tonight that, effective Monday, retailers' ceiling prices on citrus fruits will be increased about one cent a pound.

[Truman was scheduled to speak on the strike in a nationwide radio address at 10 p.m. (EST) Friday night and there was immediate speculation that he might declare a state of emergency and perhaps order military personnel to man food trains].

By Rob F. Hall

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 24.—President Truman called two Cabinet meetings today and according to Sen. Harry Byrd (D-Va.), was considering addressing a joint session of Congress late tonight or tomorrow in an effort to bring to an end the nationwide railroad strike that was described by a carrier spokesman as "just about 100 percent effective."

This estimate was made by a representative of the American Association of Railroads after a telephone survey of the strike situation.

Practically nothing but milk and troop trains, operated under agreement with the unions, were moving, he said, and of a normal 17,500 passenger trains about 50 are operating today.

He admitted that the strike was "peaceful" and said there was no violence. Although only the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers are officially on strike, he said, members of other unions were "reporting sick" today.

ROADS REJECT CHANGES

Presidential adviser John Steelman met consecutively in separate sessions with representatives of the carriers and with the two brotherhood leaders, Alvanley Johnson of the engineers and A. F. Whitney of the trainmen, this morning and early afternoon.

At 3 p.m., when Steelman left the conference room in the Statler Hotel for the second Presidential cabinet meeting, it was obvious that the railroads were continuing their stubborn refusal of vital rule changes demanded by the brotherhoods.

ONIMOUS DEVELOPMENTS

To informed observers, it appeared that President Truman was setting the stage for some form of drastic action. In addition to the two cabinet meetings almost unprecedented in peace-time, and the Byrd prediction of a special joint session of Congress, this prospect was indicated by a series of developments:

• The statement of U. S. Marine Corps headquarters here calling

former Marines to volunteer for special duty and alerting all reservists.

• Announcement by the usually optimistic Dr. Steelman that "the situation looks dark."

• Prediction by Assistant Postmaster General Gael Sullivan that unless the strike is ended in 72 hours there will be "civil insurrection."

• The sharp attack against unionists who "strike against the government" by Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore) who pledged support and cooperation to President Truman in any "firm action" he might take to prove "that government is bigger than labor."

• Release of information that the FBI has been alerted by Attorney General Tom Clark to watch for violations of the Smith-Connally Act and for damage to "federal property," which is the status of the railroads under government operation.

EXPECT ANTI-UNION ACT

What form the drastic action would take was subject for speculation by newsmen.

The President could appeal over the heads of the brotherhood leaders to railroad employees to scab and break the strike, promising protection of troops. Or he could ask Congress for special legislation in line with some of the anti-labor measures urged by Southern Democrats and Republicans. Or he could direct sharper criticism against the unions for their insistence on rule changes, the issue which now deadlocks negotiations.

Possibility that the President would concentrate pressure on the railroads to meet the workers' demands was not considered seriously.

The financial question evidently enters the negotiations only indirectly if at all at this stage. The railroads have a petition for a 25 percent increase pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Most observers believe that for any wage increases the railroads grant, they would be compensated by corresponding rate increases. Therefore, the stubborn attitude of the railroads is ascribed primarily to their desire to weaken the railroad unions whose strength, so seldom used, has astounded the nation.

Scabbing a Flop; Riders Shaken Up

By Arnold Sroog

Efforts to run trains out of New York with scab crews were a flop yesterday. Only five passenger trains and three freights checked out of the Pennsylvania terminal. Normal traffic there is 850 passenger and 60 freight trains.

And persons who rode in these non-union trains took serious chances, despite rail officials' announcement they were rolling at a reduced speed.

TWO AT GRAND CENTRAL

At Grand Central Terminal, only two passenger trains got out. They were the North Shore Limited, leaving at 1 p.m. (EST) and the Pacemaker, at 5:25 p.m. (EST).

Normal daily Grand Central Terminal traffic is 250 trains.

Typical of the PRR strikebreaking crewmen is A. Y. Cowle, Rockville Center, L. I. An inspector of bridges in the PRR engineers department, Cowle acted as conductor on the Congressional Limited, a Washington train. He was a conductor 26 years ago.

One other train left Penn Terminal for Washington. The only other trains leaving the station by evening were one to Philadelphia, one to New Brunswick, N. J., and one to Harrisburg, Pa.

One scab engineer, bringing in the Red Arrow, shook up his 800 passengers as he jammed on the

brakes at the head of the Penn Station platform. His alibi was that news photographers blinded him with flashbulbs. PRR officials immediately barred press cameramen from the station platform.

PRR officials yesterday announced a 25 percent cut in personnel on the New York Division. Four thousand non-operating employees—including clerks, baggage handlers, red caps, building cleaners and tally men—were sent home on a seniority basis.

More cuts are expected in the freight house, yards and shops.

SAFETY WARNING

A representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers issued a warning from strike headquarters in the Times Square Hotel against riding on trains manned by unskilled strikebreakers.

"Most of these men never were engineers," he said "and they never operated a locomotive. If they did it was many years ago and they have forgotten whatever they knew."

"These scab trains are unsafe and the people's lives are in danger if they ride with scabs in the engine."

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Primed for fresh attacks on labor after its passage of the Byrd amendment outlawing union health and welfare funds, the Senate moved today toward a vote on limiting debate set for 1 p.m. Saturday. The cloture vote was to come on a

petition circulated by Sen. William Knowland (D-Cal) to limit each Senator to one hour's debate on pending labor legislation and any amendments. Knowland said the petition was signed by 27 Senators.

The attempt to shut off the two-week debate followed three rapid-fire votes at midnight indicating Senate determination to take advantage of the rail and coal strikes to put new fetters on unions.

KILL PRO-LABOR MOVES

The Senate voted down 45 to 32 a substitute for the Byrd amendment offered by Sen. Theodore Green (D-RI), which would have required a public audit of any welfare funds exclusively administered by labor or management.

Another substitute offered by Green, which would have given Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace power to regulate any industry benefit funds set up by trade

associations, was tabled by 43 to 34.

The Senate then adopted by 44-30 the amendment offered by Harry Byrd (D-Va.), requiring joint management-employee administration of welfare funds.

PEPPER IN 5-HR. TALK

Majority leader Alben Barkley (D-Ky) asked unanimous consent to limit further debate, but this was blocked by Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.). Later Pepper said he would vote for cloture, in answer to a charge by Sen. Joseph Ball (R-Minn) that he had been filibustering.

Early Senate action was expected on an amendment requiring a 60-day cooling off period offered by Ball, Robert A. Taft (R-O), Byrd, Carl Hatch (D-NM), and Smith (R-NJ) with a stiff penalty clause.

Ball's proposal would give the employer the right to refuse to re-

hire those who strike before the 60 days are up.

Adoption of the Ball amendment would open the way for other labor restrictions, among them proposals for banning secondary boycotts, making unions suable in Federal Courts for violation of contracts and authorizing injunctions against mass picketing.

The House Labor Committee today unanimously voted to set up a seven-man subcommittee to study amendment of labor laws. The committee's actions followed speeches in the House by Republicans attacking the rail and mine strikes.

IWO Junior Handbook

A Handbook for Junior Directors has been prepared for IWO leaders by director of children's activities Richard Crosscup.

OPA Says Landlords Need No Rent Hike

New York landlords are unjustified in asking for a 15 percent boost in rents, the OPA said here yesterday because apartment house owners are earning greater profits under rent control than in any year from 1939 to 1943. The demand for a 15 percent rent hike was made before the U. S. Emergency Court of Appeals by Charles Evans Hughes Jr., counsel for the Metropolitan Fair Rent Committee of New York City, a landlord group. His position was opposed by Sol M. Linowitz, assistant general counsel of OPA.

The heading was a continuation of a rent proceeding in progress for two years before the Court of Appeals, which last June granted a 10 percent increase for apartment renting at \$100 a month or more. The hearing is the case of 315 W. 97 St., et al, against Paul Porter, OPA administrator.

POOR LANDLORDS

Hughes' main argument was that inflation was benefiting all groups except landlords. Now that the war was over, reduced services will have to be made up, he pleaded.

Linowitz pointed to OPA surveys showing that landlords' net income has risen 200 percent and that any increased costs are more than offset by increased income from higher occupancy and other factors.

Failure to paint apartments and reduction in services during the war, he argued, could never be made up. They constituted a bonus to landlords.

Three federal judges sitting on the case were Albert Maris of Philadelphia, who arrived late because of the railroad strike; Calvert Magruder of Boston, and Walter C. Lindley from the Eastern District of Illinois. A decision in the case, which affects 2,000 rented apartments, will be handed down in the near future.

The New York City Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, on behalf of itself and 10 other groups, filed a brief opposing the landlord application for rent increases.

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Look Behind You, Ike: U. S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, with the notorious Gen. Ho Ying-chin on his heels, inspects a Kuomintang guard of honor as he arrives at Nanking to meet with Chiang Kai-shek. Gen. Ho was bounced by Chiang shortly thereafter in order to put a more democratic face on his dictatorship. The U. S. is being deeply involved in a bloody effort to maintain the reactionary Chungking government against the Chinese people.

PRESS ROUNDUP

THE TIMES confesses "that the elaborate ritual of mediation and arbitration provided by the Railway Labor Act has proved useless." All the laws in the books can't seem to stop workers whose employers turn down demands for an 8-hour day, overtime pay and extra pay for layovers. And the Times discovers, "the unions proceeding on the theory that they can get more by striking than not striking." Refusal to grant the railroads modest demands forced the strike, in other words.

THE DAILY NEWS states as a fact, what is obviously a hope, "these two railway brotherhoods, which have long enjoyed public respect, invite opinion to turn against them." It is the News and other business interests who control the press and radio and seek to incite "public opinion" against labor.

PM's editor Ralph Ingersoll asks for public support of the railroad men but to clear himself of any "red" taint, he red-baits the Soviet Union. He charges the Soviet Union "won't take NO for an answer when a man doesn't like the way he is treated." But there is no profiteering railroad trust in the Soviet Union. No one makes a cent profit out of industry except those who own it, the people. But Soviet unions do take up and defend the everyday interests of labor. Just a few weeks ago workers in one Soviet plant stopped work because inefficient management failed to provide properly for the workers' welfare. P. S.—The managers were kicked out.

THE SUN columnist David Lawrence bristles with rage at the railroad men. He wants President Truman to establish "a system of compulsory arbitration for the settlement of labor disputes on the railroads." He also demands "prosecution both as individuals and as union officers" for the strike leaders. The darling rail magnates who milked the public for billions during the war are to

get away with their refusal to grant an 8-hour day, overtime pay, layoff time pay and a decent wage.

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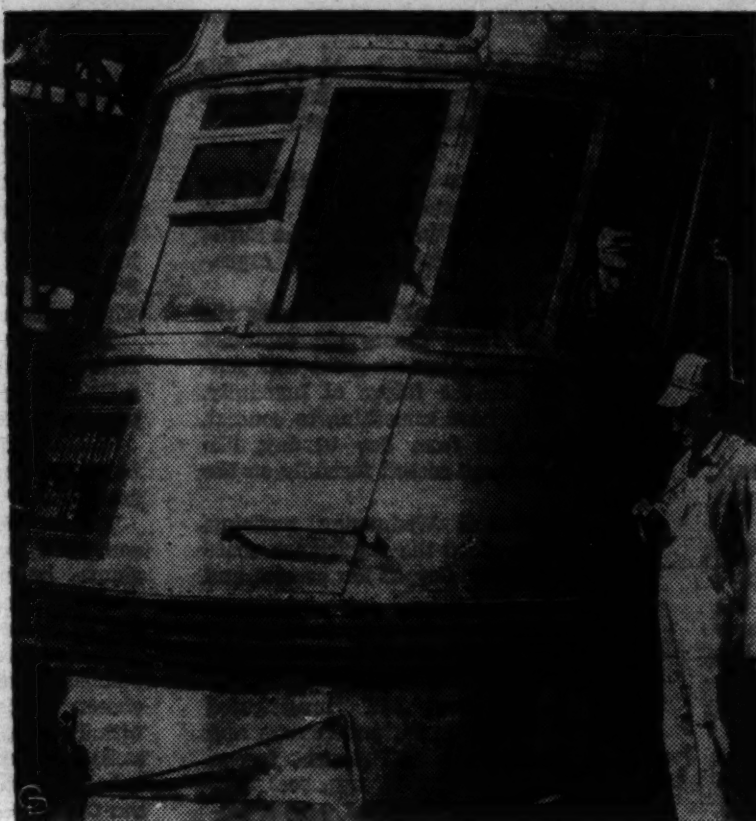
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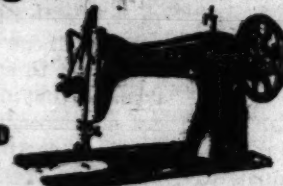
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Hughes' main argument was that inflation was benefiting all groups except landlords. Now that the war was over, reduced services will have to be made up, he pleaded.

Linowitz pointed to OPA surveys showing that landlords' net income has risen 200 percent and that any increased costs are more than offset by increased income from higher occupancy and other factors.

Failure to paint apartments and reduction in services during the war, he argued, could never be made up. They constituted a bonus to landlords.

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PRESS ROUNDUP

THE TIMES confesses "that the elaborate ritual of mediation and arbitration provided by the Railway Labor Act has proved useless." All the laws in the books can't seem to stop workers whose employers turn down demands for an 8-hour day, overtime pay and extra pay for layovers. And the Times discovers, "the unions are proceeding on the theory that they can get more by striking than not striking." Refusal to grant the railroaders modest demands forced the strike, in other words.

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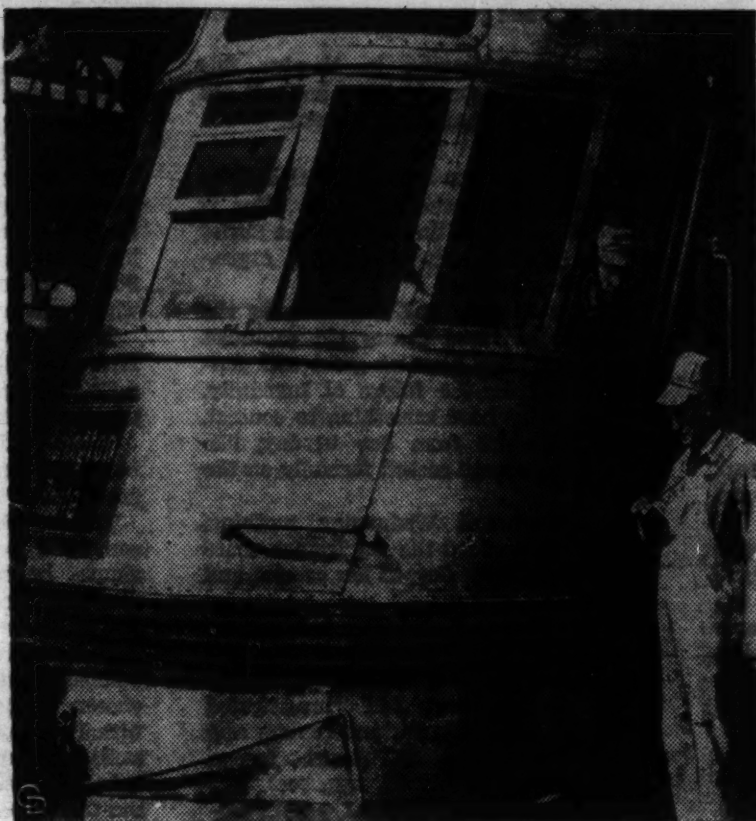
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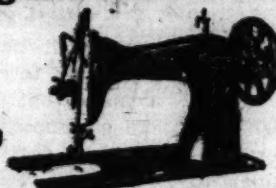
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Change the World

By Mike Gold

IT OCCUPIES a lovely hall, all shiny electric fixtures, fancy plywood walls, mauve plush chairs, and the like, but permit me to whisper in your ear: there was also a foul smell in this mauve assembly hall of the United Nations Security Council.

Was it the plumbing? Was it the press? Was it a subway blast? What was the source of the miasmic odor that fogged your throat and clutched your heart, to depress you in some curious way as though the taste had gone out of living? I phoned an old friend, Sherlock Holmes, described all the details and heard his quick analysis.

I phoned an old friend, Sherlock Holmes, described all the details and heard his quick analysis:

"Simple case of murder. Pull off the boards exactly under the dais where the Council sits and you will find the mouldering corpse of a victim. Her name is Truth. She was a delegate sent by the People, but proved intractable, and was declared out of existence on an 8 to 3 vote. See what I mean?"

Maybe one mustn't write too bitterly of the organization which is said to be our only hope for world peace. We must support it, we must keep it from



collapsing under a heavy load of capitalist deception and intrigue.

The alternative is a third world war, a war which could atomize half the human race and maybe most of our American cities.

No, it's dangerous to slander this United Nations Organization, but is it not God's feeblest reed to lean upon?

WHY is there so much cynical double-talk and backdoor filth? Why is there so much plotting against the Soviet Union, while fascist Spain and Argentina are protected?

How sad, stale and terrifying is the spectacle of these dreary old capitalist diplomats. They have no great and generous plan for the future of humanity. Instead, they have something to conceal. They improvise from day to day, like gamblers, one eye cocked fearfully on the People.

I was present Wednesday morning, when they prodded the old Iranian mare to her feet again, flogged her around and around the arena.

The night before, a telegram had come from the Iranian Premier, saying that his government had sent a commission to Azerbaijan, and had "investigated carefully" all the important centers and found "no trace of Soviet troops, equipment or means of transport. According to trustworthy local people, Soviet troops had evacuated on May 6."

This official word should have satisfied the diplomats of the United States and England. It was the thing they had demanded so sternly. But now when it was theirs they refused to have it. They mumbled that the telegram wasn't clear. The telegram didn't mention this fact, this geographical detail, and that.

Poland's delegate, former Prof. Lange, made a quiet little suggestion.

"If anything still needs clarification, I would suggest that our Council send a telegram to the Iranian government, asking a yes or no reply as to whether the Soviet troops have evacuated from the whole country."

The delegate from Netherlands, strange figure with the long, sugar-loaf head of a milk-stealing gnome, uttered with phony dignity, a classic remark:

"I am against sending any telegram of inquiry. It might embarrass the Iranian government."

The British delegate, round-face, slick, son of a beer-baron, I believe, and a simple imperialist Tory like Churchill, also expressed a polite Cambridge desire not to embarrass Iran.

White-haired Stettinius, fumbled, bumbled and mumbled a few badly-chosen words expressing his agreement with Britain, also out of a wish to avoid embarrassment of Iran.

And the stooges of big imperialism on the Council came along as usual. Nobody wanted to embarrass Iran by asking her

for exact information. The truth was embarrassing Stettinius, Cadogan and their stooges.

For the Soviet Union had carried out its promise, faithfully and to the letter, and this was embarrassing.

A new twist had to be given the Iran case. Time out for backdoor whisperings, press propaganda, intrigues, squeeze plays, etc., etc.

NO, NO, this isn't the way to build a peaceful world. The United Nations Council needs some warning, I believe, from the British people, from the American people, from the workers and farmers of Mexico, China, the Netherlands and the other nations. Their delegates are suppressing truth, are bleeding away the hope of peace.

Did you hear Clare Boothe Luce on the radio the other night? Her screaming, her hysterical bursts of theatrical laughter, her fishwife manners and name-calling, her inability to present a single fact in a calm truthful way, seemed to me a symbolic confession of the mental and moral breakdown of the capitalist system she lives by.

Friends, it is painful at the present hour to utter this pessimistic thought—but the United Nations Security Council looks to me like Clare Boothe Luce in striped pants and with a smooth technique of the old tradition of diplomatic deception.

Letters from Our Readers



Finds Nuernberg Justice Tardy

Chicago, Ill.
Editor, Daily Worker:

It is time to organize mass meetings throughout the country to demand that war criminals and arch-murderers, Goering, Hess et al, received their justice for their criminal acts, i.e., the death sentence. A whole year has now elapsed since "peace" was declared and these criminals were caught, but justice has not yet been done.

The American and British governments are using every subterfuge to permit these criminals to escape their fate, as they have many of the Nazis whom they

are protecting and have given positions.

Look at the traitor and murderer Mikhailovich, who worked and fought with the Nazis and fascists against our country and his own people, and the attempt on the part of our government to save his neck.

Every decent American expects these criminals to pay the full price, death, for their frightful conduct in the war. What is more important to our country than to demand that these mass murderers of innocent civilians be punished by death?

I don't believe there is an American, except an out-and-out fascist, who did not expect all of

them immediately to be hanged, including the Japanese emperor; yet recently the Sun had a small item saying an attempt was being made to remove the emperor's name from the list of war criminals.

This includes the manufacturers of the ovens and the gas extermination trucks, etc., that were used to slaughter the victims of the Nazis and fascists.

Let's get busy and have some action on this. The longer this is delayed the more serious it becomes. Delay encourages those in our country who would sell out our people and annihilate them.

HELEN SMITH.

Communism Needs No Defense

New York
Editor, Daily Worker:

The debate on May 21 on the American Forum radio hour, including Comrade Foster, Dr. Harry F. Ward, Clare Cluce and Henry Chamberlin was both provocative and disappointing. It demonstrated precisely the tactics of the reactionary in his bitterest phase of slander against the great Soviet Union and its heroic people.

The working class must be informed now more than ever of its role in preventing capitalism from plunging it into another war with resulting catastrophic

effects for the entire world.

The American worker needs to know the difference between political democracy and economic capitalism. Labor must be given a hammering criticism of capitalist economy and its imperialist encroachments upon the people.

It should be informed of the elementary difference between a toiler and a boss, and the forces in the world with which each aligns himself. The tricks and crimes of capitalism must be exposed to labor and the flagrant policies of governmental support to corrupt foreign industrialists should be denounced.

Labor has to know who the "economic royalists" are, what they are doing to labor and how they are doing it.

Communism needs no defense. It is the only force capitalism fears. Let's put reaction on the explaining side.

A COMRADE VETERAN.

DW a Supporting Arm to Reader

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is with the greatest satisfaction that I receive your daily paper. To me, it means the supporting arm of a friend, the encouragement and guidance of a teacher, working toward friendship with Russia (and all true democratic elements) and economic betterment.

Ilya Ehrenberg's article in the May 13th DW was the most moving thing I've read in a long time.

B. M.

No Fence Sitting on Soviet Peace Role

Washington, D. C.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Some one on your paper should take Max Lerner severely to task for his PM statement that the new labor-liberal alliance "must stay clear of any emotional orientation either for or against Russia."

It should be clear enough to Lerner that the keystone of such an alliance is a positive orientation regarding Russia's constructive role toward world peace.

ARTHUR SIGLIN.

Bankers Can't Run Trains

By Labor Research Association

LOCOMOTIVE engineers and trainmen are "irreplaceable," admits the Wall Street Journal. Neither bankers, insurance men nor the others who own the roads can run the trains.

Railroads are well able to increase wages, as we have pointed out in our Railroad Notes during recent months. Their net working capital of about \$2,000,000,000 is over three times as large as it was in 1940.

For the five years, 1941 through 1945, their net profits (after taxes, interest, high salaries to company officers and all other "fixed" charges) totaled \$3,389,954,000. In five prewar years, 1936 through 1940, their net profits totaled only \$421,249,000.

Passengers will probably continue to pay 10 percent more for railroad tickets than before the war, as the Interstate Commerce Commission is expected to allow the companies to keep this increase.

If the roads now win the 25 percent rise in freight rates they are asking for, it will add at least another billion dollars to the nation's freight bill and the railroad's revenue. The aim, says Vice-President Walter S. Franklin of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is to get net profits "of approximately \$500,000,000." This would be higher than the \$447,000,000 they reported for 1945.

WALL STREET meanwhile is aiming to strengthen its hold on the railroad industry. Banking and insurance companies already control a major share of this industry, as the Senate's Interstate Commerce Commission points out in its latest report.



By extending their control over the 17 roads still in "bankruptcy" they will get "direct ownership of an additional 30,000 miles of railroad." The committee warns:

"A small number of Wall Street banking houses and insurance companies who own, in the major roads in bankruptcy . . . not more than 10 percent of all bond issues being reorganized, will become temporarily the owners and in any case exercise far into the future complete control and domination of a substantial portion of the railroad mileage of the United States."

This is how it would work. Plans now presented by the "Bondholders Protective Committee" and approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission, would turn the ownership of the so-called bankrupt lines over to the bondholders. Although owning less than 10 percent of the bonds, the banks and insurance companies dominate the bondholders and have prepared the reorganization plans.

When the plans go through, these roads would be reorganized with control put in the hands of five to 10-year voting trusts also dominated by these same Wall Street interests.

"A half dozen powerful New York financial institutions," the Senate committee calls them. They are the same banks which have been playing this railroad reorganization game for a long time.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co., for example, the rail banking house, engineered an earlier reorganization of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific with expenses of nearly \$7,000,000. This road came out of the courts still under Kuhn, Loeb domination and so heavily over-loaded with debt that it was soon bankrupt again.

RAILROAD reorganizations have "continued in the courts for eight, ten, 12 and even 14 years with a tremendous consequent drain

on railroad properties for wholly unnecessary legal and banking expenses," the Senate committee shows. Bankers who represent the "bankrupt" roads include such important Morgan banks as Guaranty Trust Co. and Bankers Trust Co.

Eight of the largest Wall Street law firms and four banks have already collected \$2,172,336 for their services to seven railroads which have been in receivership in recent years. Among the law firms is Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Sunderland & Kiend, leading Morgan lawyers, who collected nearly \$200,000. These lawyers during the war years were paid at a rate ranging from \$10 an hour upward.

But the word "bankrupt" is misleading when applied to railroads still in the hands of receivers. These roads were among the most profitable of all rail companies during the war years.

Seven of these "bankrupt" roads paid about 14 percent of the excess profits taxes paid by the industry as a whole in 1944, the Senate committee revealed. Thus, of the \$1,000,000,000 in excess profits taxes from the railroad industry, these seven roads paid over \$140,000,000 in that one year.

These roads have been gold mines for the bankers and lawyers who do not wish to see them returned to their former status.

The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, on the other hand, is trying to forestall further increase in Wall Street domination over the major roads still in receivership. Bills have been introduced in Congress to take these roads out of the courts and thus curtail the pickings of the bankers.

These bills would permit bankrupt roads, earning enough in the last seven years to cover their fixed charges, to work out a voluntary readjustment of their capital structures, with the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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Socialism—A Common-Sense Message for Rail Labor

Mr. Railroad:

YOU have given loyalty of your labor and service to the millionaire banks which control the nation's railroads.

Some of you men have given nearly your entire life, beginning as boys of 16, down to today when your hair is grey.

Yet today you are forced to strike for a meagre increase in pay, for some simple elements of justice in the rules of work.

Today, the entire press of the nation—which you buy every day and take into your homes—looks upon you men as some kind of "criminal." They snarl that you railroad workers have "staggered the nation." They claim that you men have "stopped the trains" because of your unreasonableness.

That's the way it is.

It is not only a few high-priced executives you are fighting today for economic security. You are coming up against an entire CLASS, the capitalist class. This is the minority class of bankers, stockholders (and we don't mean the five-share man, but the 100,000-share financier), and industrialists. The nation's roads are part and parcel of Wall Street's empire. Two or three banks control the network which links the roads into a giant monopoly.

Your Enemy

That is your enemy. It always has been and always will be your enemy. For this upper class lives like a parasite on your labor.

Your work is the goose that lays the golden eggs. But your labor produces little for you and your family. It produces mostly profits for the "absentee landlords," the hidden, far-off Wall Street banks and the capitalist class investors.

Is it not a grotesque injustice that the men who run the roads do not control or own them? Is it not plain that the time must come when the American workers, who do the work, must become the beneficiaries of their own labor by becoming the owners of the nation's means of production and transportation? That is Socialism.

Socialism is the next higher order of social development in the United States.

It produced in the Soviet Union the one state that was able to halt the march of Hitler's mighty war machine. Socialism in the Soviet Union saved the world, including us.

Think it over, Mr. American railroad worker.

Ask yourself why it is that every generation of workers must start the same desperate fight all over again against the employers.

Why does this fight never cease? Why must you men fight for the right to live decently?

It is because even when you are able to win some concessions from the financial class which dominates the nation, that owning class still retains its economic and political power over your life. They still own the economic means of your life.

In that way, they really own you.

Only Socialism, the ownership of the industries by the people, the rule of the people, can change that and bring true economic and political freedom.

That is the message of the Communist Party. Think it over. It makes sense. It is the message of the future.

Editors, Daily Worker,
50 E. 13th St., New York 3, N. Y.

I am ready to join the Communist Party and take my place in the ranks of my fellow-Americans fighting for economic security, peace and Socialism.

Signed

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3 Trends in the Democratic Party

By Robert Thompson

(Excerpts from the speech of Robert Thompson, state chairman, Communist Party of New York, delivered to Communist club leaders at Hotel Diplomat, Friday, May 17.)

Today, the national policies of the Democratic Party under the leadership of the Truman Administration have been brought basically into line with the reactionary outlook and views of the Farleys and Flynns in the State Democratic Party leadership.

The Farleys and Flynns are quite at home in their support of the "get tough with Russia" policies of Byrnes, Truman and Vandenberg. They are also at home with the open and covert support which is being given nationally by leaders of the Democratic Party to the anti-labor Case bill.

They no longer represent a dissident group in the Democratic Party. They are in line with and represent the main orientation on both foreign and domestic questions of the national leadership of the Democratic Party, the Truman Administration.

It is true that on this particular question of immediate and public repudiation of all possibilities of labor and progressive coalition with the Democratic Party in New York State, the Farleys and Flynns do not yet represent the viewpoint of the entire Democratic Party state leadership, and perhaps not even its dominant sections.

ANOTHER TREND

There is another trend in the Democratic Party leadership, for example, represented in the recent statements of the chairman of the Democratic Party, Fitzpatrick. He denied that he holds the Farley-Flynn opinion that the Democratic Party should make an immediate and public repudiation of coalition with the independent labor and progressive forces.

This trend of the Democratic Party state leadership has another outlook on this question of coalitions. It is equally wedded to the policies of the Truman Administration, but it wants to take the labor and progressive forces of this state along with the Democratic Party, behind the Truman policies.

This trend represents elements

who are not so willing as the Farleys and Flynns are to hand the state to Dewey. They know that without the support of such independent action forces as the ALP, the IOC and PAC, the Democrats cannot win the state.

These elements also believe that it is possible to take substantial progressive and labor forces with them, at least for '46, by concessions in words and on unessentials, while still giving unadulterated support to the basic policies of the Truman Administration.

THE THIRD TREND

There is also a third trend in the Democratic Party, especially in its lower levels, although one must say that this trend is still without any strong vocal expressions and apparently has not yet assumed any decisive strength. Nevertheless, it exists.

It is a trend that is beginning to think through the basic question that is involved in this controversy in the Democratic ranks, namely, is the Democratic Party of this state becoming the twin brother and junior partner of the Republican Party, with the only issue between them the issue of which can serve Wall Street best? Or is the Democratic Party of this state going to fight to maintain and strengthen some of its progressive features of past years?

This means a fight to maintain an important degree of independence from the Truman Administration on basic policies and a different orientation of the outlook of the State Democratic Party on program and candidates. For only if they maintain such independence can a basis be created for a continued cooperation of the Democratic Party and independent progressive political forces, even though it be of a limited character, on a number of issues and in some contests.

MOUNTING TENSION

The major and all-important fact about the '46 election campaign is that it is developing in a situation marked by mounting tension in international relations, and heightened danger of a new world war.

The area of sharp conflict between the forces of world reaction, spearheaded by American imperialism, and the forces of

peace and progress, spearheaded by the Soviet Union, is widening and sharpening with alarming rapidity. The issues around which this conflict is developing affect the future of every major area of the world.

The unity that exists in the ranks of American monopoly capital around the central and decisive question of American foreign policy, the unity that exists between the Republican Party and the Democratic Party national leaderships on this key question raises as a major question: will the people have a real choice in the coming '46 elections?

NEW SITUATION

This is a new question. Save for a brief interlude in 1940, labor and the progressive forces have not been confronted with a similar situation for over 10 years. Except for 1940, from before 1936 through the end of the war, labor and other democratic forces on the political action field have operated under circumstances where a coalition with a major section of the capitalist class—a section of the capitalist class in control of the national leadership of one of the major parties—was in the interests of labor and progress.

It is this unification of the capitalist class around the Byrnes-Vandenberg line which has wiped the former Roosevelt-labor coalition off the face of the political map. It is this unification of the capitalist class that has caused the Truman Administration to break with and take itself outside of any labor-progressive coalition.

DANGER

In circumstances where the Republican Party of this state is led by the most hard-bitten, pro-war, reactionary agents of all Wall Street, headed by Dewey; in circumstances where the national leadership of the Democratic Party, the Truman Administration is pursuing a pro-war policy dictated by these same Wall Street interests; in circumstances where such arch reactionaries as the Farleys, Flynns and Devaneys are entrenched in the Democratic Party leadership of the state, it is clear that if allowed a free hand, the two major parties will deprive the people of this state

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French Gallup Poll Put Communists in Lead for June Voting

By Derek Kartun

Wireless to the Daily Worker

PARIS, May 23.—The most striking thing about the French electoral campaign, now in full swing, is the manner in which every political party from the Socialists to the extreme right Republican "Liberty Party" has joined in a vicious anti-Communist campaign.

The thing has become so grotesque that even the right wing papers are commenting on it and rejoicing openly at the prolonged attacks against the Communists, launched by Socialist Party Secretary, Daniel Mayer, in the Socialist paper *Le Populaire*.

It might have been hoped that the Socialists would have learned a lesson from their recent defeat in the referendum, when a lack of unity resulted in the people turning down the constitution. But apparently not.

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Three Trends in the Democratic Party

(Continued from page 7)

of any opportunity to cast a vote for candidates and policies representing their, and not Wall Street's interests.

The responsibility for ensuring that the people are not robbed of a real alternative to Truman's and Dewey's programs rests squarely on the shoulders of the labor and progressive forces of this state. It is their main—their central—problem at this point in the campaign.

NEEDED—A PROGRAM

First, and of decisive importance, the independent labor and progressive forces must aggressively project a program around the main issues involved in the coming elections, especially the central issue of peace, making it clear that all candidates will be judged on the basis of this program.

In this connection the national program issued by PAC, as well as Murray's speech before the Steel convention, afford powerful weapons in the fight for a correct foreign policy. These must be used to the utmost by the progressive and labor forces in this state, and must be further developed by them.

It is in projecting a program around the central issues involved in the campaign that the labor and progressive forces can intervene in the 1946 elections in such a way as to prevent the candidates and parties from avoiding the major issues, and force them to commit themselves on these issues, and to wage a campaign around them.

By directing their main effort to the mobilization of the people on issues, the labor and progressive movement will be following a course which will enable it either to effect a coalition and a program it can support, or to create the conditions for a coalition of all independent forces around a ticket in opposition to the two major parties.

KEY TEST

Under no circumstances can labor afford to commit itself today to candidates of any party save on the basis of the stand taken by those candidates on the main issues before the people, particularly the issue of peace.

Second, the labor and progressive forces must actively and energetically participate in all the primaries for congressional and legislative offices.

Third, the full resources of the labor and progressive movements must be thrown into the task of immediately strengthening those groups that make for independent political action.

Fourth, the greatest measure of United action on the part of the various independent political action groupings and organizations must be secured on the basis of a common program upon the major

issues facing the people in these elections.

Fifth, differences within the two major parties must be sharpened by developing struggles on major issues which will facilitate the break away of the mass following of the Republican and Democratic Parties from the policies of the national leaderships of these parties.

INDEPENDENT ROLE

Our Party, in addition to playing a major role in bringing clearly to the people the main issues of the election campaign, and helping them to organize and fight on these issues, will, of course, participate directly as an independent force in this campaign.

Our Party will lend every support to coalition candidates fighting in the interests of the people on the issues of peace and progress.

It will put forward its own candidates in certain congressional and legislative districts where this will advance the trend towards labor's independent activity and contribute towards winning the fight for peace, security and progress.

It is necessary that our Party have at least one candidate in each major borough in New York, and in each major area on a state scale.

Our Party has, in the past, and will in this election make a major and unselfish contribution to the coalition of which it is a part. On the basis of this contribution, our Party will insist that it receive its legitimate recognition through the running of a minimum of Party candidates on a state scale. It is necessary for our Party to insist on its right to have such candidates and to actually exercise the right of having such candidates, because in the complex electoral situation this year our Party, in addition to its coalition role, has a very important and distinct independent role to play.

In addition to certain congressional and state legislative candidates, our Party is making all preparations to ensure its ability, if the situation demands it, to place in the field either a full Communist state ticket or an individual office of a state character.

Whether our Party runs a full independent slate in the state elections is dependent upon a number of factors. It is clear, for example, that if the Farley forces determine the composition and character of the Democratic campaign, and if the major forces of an independent character project a third slate, that our Party will not divide the progressive and labor movement by putting forward its own slate.

It is clear, also, that if there is no third slate of a broad coalition character, that our Party will in-

duce its own full slate only if, in its judgment, it makes no difference which of the major parties carry the state elections. For it must be remembered that in a close election our Party in this

state can mobilize a vote which in all probability might determine the outcome of the elections.

If circumstances are such that at the appropriate moment our Party makes a decision not to run

a full slate, it seems probable at this moment that our Party will select some office on a state scale and put forward a candidate and around the candidate wage an independent campaign

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Special to the Daily Worker

HEMPSTEAD, L. I., May 24.—The Nassau County Conference for Human Rights has demanded that Mayor Herbert Mirschell reveal names of persons who threatened to break up a protest meeting on the Freeport Ferguson slayings.

Men Who Lost France Trying to Repeat

Wireless to the Daily Worker

PARIS, May 24.—Edouard Daladier, notorious Municher and prime minister responsible for the repressive measures against the Communists in 1939-1940, will be a candidate in the June 2 election. He heads the Radical Party's list in the Vaucluse region.

Paul Reynaud, premier at the time of the capitulation, will run for the extreme right, as will General Henri Giraud.

A delegation of the Conference, headed by the Rev. Theodore C. Boblin, Methodist clergyman, charged at a Village Board meeting that free speech and assembly had been denied by the Mayor when he barred the meeting in the Elks Club in March.

Rev. Boblin said he was "deeply humiliated" by the Mayor's action and asked for an apology.

Stanley Faulkner, attorney for the Ferguson family, said the group would demand District Attorney James N. Gehrig act against those who threatened the meeting.

In this corner

At Pompton Lakes With
Joe Louis

By Bill Mardo

There were a handful of us in that last car leaving from Mike Jacobs' office for the champ's camp at Pompton Lakes. In the sleek hired van were Jimmy Cannon, Frank Graham, the UP's Sid Fedor, Lew Burston and myself—and the hour-long ride was pleasant and airy with conversation running the gamut from somebody's fond recollection of the beer bout staged in Churchill Downs after the Darby, to tales of France and Germany exquisitely told by Cannon.

But beneath it all there was an impatient excitement. This was like old times; it's been a long time since Joe Louis pitched a training camp. A lot of blood, sweat and tears has flowed under the proverbial bridge.

Then, before you had time to say thanks to that kid on the bike who told the driver where to turn off left, we were parking the car just a few feet away from the jam-packed wooden stands where some 700 people were seated and waiting for Louis to come on out. We walked into the building that houses the indoor gym, now forsaken because of the hot weather. Through a narrow corridor into a small-sized room, and there, seated on a rubbing table, was the world's heavyweight champion. Louis looked terrific as he amiably greeted the scribes. The skin was drawn tightly over his features and his jaw-line was sharp. His shoulders all but burst through the white short-sleeved jersey he wore, and the biceps rippled and arched as if drawn by a sculptor as Joe shook hands all around.

The writers formed a semi-circle in front of him and the conversation soon steered to baseball, and Joe's face sparkled with animation as he easily traded gags with the newspapermen.

Talk got around to that softball team Joe organized years back. Somebody recollected that whenever the champ came back from a road-trip with his team he'd always rave about everyone's batting average but his own. "How much did you hit, Joe, .132?" Louis put his hand on the questioner's knee and chuckled. "Put an ought in front of that. Make it .1032, or better yet, just .013," and the tiny room almost caved in with the general laughter.

Another writer asked Joe if he'd seen his favorite Detroit Tigers yet. "No, but I see where they got messed up in a triple-play the other day."

The newsman jibed teasingly. "That's what they get for playing against a clever club like the Yankees."

The great Negro champion looked at the writer a moment, the lines around his mouth slowly shaping into an impish smile. "Smart club like the Yankees. H'm. Seems like I remember them waving their bats at Bobby Feller couple weeks back." And here Joe jumped off the table and roared with laughter as he enacted the scene he had witnessed at the Stadium when Feller twirled his memorable no-hitter. "Those Yankees, they just stood at the plate and waved at the ball going by. All day long they just waved goodbye at those pitches. Feller never had so many people waving at his stuff in all his life."

But the Yankee fan persisted. "Feller's all washed-up, Joe." Louis chuckled. "Yeah he's all through. I see where he beat the Yankees with five hits the other day."

Joe was informed that Mushky Jackson has a new heavyweight whom he's keeping under wraps. Louis looked up. "Yeah, what's his name, Mike Jacobs?"

And so it went. A delightful 20 minutes until trainer Manny Seamon stuck his head into the door and said, "Let's go, Joe." The champ hopped off the table and everyone followed him outside where the spectators, many of them Negro GI's, gave him a big ovation as he climbed into the outdoor ring. Joe shadow-boxed loosely under the hot sun for five minutes and then went over to a corner of the ring where Seamon put on his gloves, greased his face, and pulled the headguard down over Joe's ears.

"The champ will first spar two rounds with Al Hoosman," blared the announcer. Hoosman is the slim, elongated heavyweight who licked Lee Savold, and the long-legged ex-GI owns an extremely talented left hand. He used it to good advantage, flicking and hooking to Louis' face as Joe just stalked after him without throwing any punches. Louis seemed more concerned with trying to get inside of the dancing Hoosman than in throwing any long range blows. Louis didn't seem at all concerned about the many lefts that he was catching in the face, and just bore in steadily, following Al around the ring until trainer Seamon called "Time."

The second round was the best session of the afternoon. Speedy, shifty and clever, using much of the same tactics that Conn will employ, the lithe Hoosman circled to Joe's left and kept flicking away at the champ. But this time Joe was catching many of the blows in the mitt of his big right glove, and he was slipping away from others with a slight nod of his head. Al danced around the champ and suddenly ripped home a beautiful left to the belly and right to the jaw. Louis unleashed a ferocious right that missed by inches and the momentum behind the blow whirled Joe into the ropes. A loud "oooooh" echoed through the trees, and folks tried not to think of what would've happened had the punch landed. The champ was opening up just slightly now, and he moved inside of the elusive Hoosman to belt away with short chops to his sparmate's wire-thin waist. Al finally got away from the champ as the round ended.

Louis then went two rounds apiece with shifty Perk Daniels and George Fitch, the big Negro heavy from New Haven. Nothing untoward occurred, and Joe was content to follow his sparring partners around the ring, occasionally tossing a few long blows. The champ wasn't too impressive; he caught too many lefts to the face, and didn't seem very spirited. But Louis is still three and one-half weeks away from his title defense, and it's a known fact that he's a past master at the art of pacing himself during training so that he comes into the ring razor-sharp the night of a fight.

While Joe admitted later he's about "25 percent slower" compared to his peak-days, it's still far too soon to form any opinions about the overall fight equipment he now has at the age of 32. Such inventory will have to be taken about a half-month from now, by which time it'll be easier to assess how much of his old-time timing and split-second reactions are still with him. His punch, of course, is something he'll never lose. And doesn't that make Mister Conn happy!

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3:00-WEAF—Eastman School Symphony
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WABC—Assignment Home
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WQXR—News; Request Music
3:30-WOR—It's Up to Youth
WJZ—Roundup Time
WABC—Talk
3:45-WABC—Cross Section—APL
4:00-WEAF—Doctors at Home—Drama
WOR—Better Half Matinee
WJZ—Duke Ellington Orchestra
WABC—Record Shop
WMCA—News; Baseball Game
WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WOR—Better Half Matinee
4:30-WEAF—Easy Money—Sketch
WOR—WABC—Racing at Belmont
4:45-WOR—Barry Orchestra
5:00-WEAF—Phone Again Pinnegan—Play, with Stuart Erwin
WOR—What's the Name of the Song—Musical Quiz
WJZ—Saturday Concert
WABC—Dance Music
WQXR—News; Music
5:15-WQXR—Today in Music
5:30-WEAF—The American World
WOR—Man on the Street
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—Musical Milestones
5:45-WEAF—Variety Musicals
WOR—Lanny and Ginger, Songs

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports
WOR—Paul Schubert, News
WJZ—Jack Beall
WABC—News; Harry Marble
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:15-WEAF—Rhapsody of the Rockies
WOR—Strictly Personal
WJZ—News Reports
WABC—American Portrait
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Music
6:30-WOR—Fred Vandeventer, News
WJZ—Harry Wisner, Sports
WMCA—Racing Results
6:45-WEAF—Religion in the News
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Labor—U.S.A.
WABC—Charles Collingwood, News
WMCA—Sports Resume
7:00-WEAF—Our Foreign Policy

THE ROUNDUP

About Dodger Writ, Conn, and Cavaretta

ST. LOUIS, May 24 (UP).—U.S. District Judge Rubey Hulen today continued for 10 days a temporary restraining order preventing the Mexican Baseball League from approaching Brooklyn Dodger players, and took under advisement the title match with heavyweight champion Joe Louis.

In a brief hearing before the continuance, attorneys for the Brooklyn team introduced as evidence the 1945 contract of catcher Mickey Owen, who is now playing in Mexico. The contract called for \$14,500 per year, and included the standard reserve clause, by which the club could renew the contract on written notice by Feb. 15, 1946, providing both player and club agree upon salary terms. Should no agreement be reached, the contract forbids the player from playing organized baseball anywhere.

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. J., May 24 (UP).—Fast and sharp, Billy Conn went eight sensational rounds against four sparring partners before 400 spectators today as another step in preparation for his June 19

In his 13th season with the Chicago Cubs, Phil Cavaretta finally has made the grade as a full-fledged major league star.

He hustled and he plugged away and he showed great promise down the years. When the stars trooped off to war, he swept to the top of the head of leftovers and in 1945 won both the National League batting championship and most valuable player award.

Still the thought persisted that he never had been a star while the "pros" were in the game. But he is now. Hitting at the .355 level with which he won the batting championship last year, the swarthy veteran is belting the thought right out of the league.

RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc.
WEAF—660 Kc.
WOR—710 Kc.
WJZ—770 Kc.
WNYC—830 Kc.
WABC—880 Kc.
WINS—1050 Kc.

WEVD—1330 Kc.
WHEW—1350 Kc.
WLIE—1400 Kc.
WHA—1550 Kc.
WOV—1590 Kc.
WENT—1490 Kc.
WQXR—1550 Kc.

WOR—Guess Who—Quiz
WJZ—The Voice of Business
WABC—Academy Award Theater
WMCA—News; Dance Music
WQXR—News; Music
7:15-WJZ—Correspondents Report
WMCA—Talk—Jack Shafer
7:30-WEAF—Jimmy Edmondson Show
WOR—Arthur Hale
WJZ—The Green Hornet—Drama
WABC—Tony Martin Show
WMCA—News Reports
WQXR—Guest Artist
7:45-WOR—The Answer Man
WMCA—Sylvia Kariton, Songs
8:00-WEAF—Life of Riley—Play
WOR—Twenty Questions
WJZ—Dick Tracy Show
WABC—Dick Haynes Show
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:30-WEAF—Truth and Consequences
WOR—Saturday Night Revue
WJZ—Famous Jury Trials—Drama
WABC—Mayor of the Town—Play
8:55-WABC—Ned Calmer, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—National Barn Dance
WOR—Leave It to the Girls
WJZ—Gangbusters—Play
WABC—Hit Parade
WMCA—News; Music

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WJZ—Boston Pops Concert
9:45-WABC—Saturday Serenade
10:00-WEAF—Judy Canova Show
WOR—Theater of the Air
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Record Album
10:15-WABC—Celebrity Club
10:30-WEAF—Grand Old Opry
WJZ—Hayloft Hootdown
WMCA—Evening Serenade
WQXR—Guest Conductor
10:45-WABC—Talk
11:00-WEAF—WABC—News; Music
WOR, WJZ—News; Music
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour
12:00-WEAF, WJZ—News; Music
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Olga Bondarenko, Soviet youngster, receives the first record album of Russian children's folk songs to appear in this country from David Anderson, of "Life With Father," at the Russian Relief workroom, 35 W. 35 St., New York City. The album, titled "Songs of Young Russia," and released by Russian Relief, features young David singing six Soviet tunes in English to a balalaika accompaniment. Olga, daughter of a Soviet trade official, will take the album to the Soviet Union upon her departure from the U.S. this summer. At the same time, Olga presented David with a record of the "St. Louis Blues" as performed by a Soviet jazz orchestra.

Fine Poetry Medium for Democratic Writers

THE SPAN, April-May all-poetry issue. Editorial office: 4039 N. 11 St., St. Louis 7, Mo. 32 pp. 50 cents.

Reviewed by JACK MANTY

THE April-May all-poetry issue of The Span magazine contains the first strong whiff of a new atmosphere in American poetry.

That new atmosphere is—people's poetry, social in content and simple and communicative yet varied in style. And by people's poetry, I don't necessarily mean folk-poems of the sort the Almanac Singers created so successfully, nor do I mean vulgarized kindergarten verse with a political content. These are both people's poems and art-poems, with occasional folk influences that we usually associate with the rural balladry of the South and Midwest. Their aesthetic appeal runs high, despite an obvious unevenness in development of both content and form.

"In Memory of Claude Tague," by the Southern dirt-farmer's poet, Don West, is one of the best lyrical pieces wrought by any democratic poet to date in this country, in my opinion. Here's the first stanza:

"The dog-wood and the honey-suckle blossom
In April when the blue is in the sky.
The new rod by the farmer's plow broken,
'Tis not the time a man would choose to die!"
And another stanza goes:
"These old red hills are stubborn
as they're silent,

Says

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Swan Song Is Grade B Melodrama

SWAN SONG, a new play by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, presented by John Klein at the Booth. With Marianne Stewart, Ivan Simpson, Scott McKay, Mary Servoss and others. Staged by Joseph Pevney. Scenery by Ralph Alswang.

By John Reiner

When Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur saw *Crescendo* a play that folded on the road earlier this season, they became infatuated with the 12 year old pianist Jacqueline Horner in the leading role. They decided to rewrite the play around her.

But their infatuation proved to be insufficiently inspiring. For *Swan Song*, the result of their labors which opened at the Booth Theatre the other day, is a puerile attempt at melodrama.

These experienced showmen slipped boldly in weaving this story of a psychotic boy with delusions of piano virtuosity. The boy has poisoned his sister, a protégé of the great conductor Stoniklaus Kubin, in the hope of concentrating the master's attention on himself. But while he is treated in an insane asylum for an attack, Maestro Kubin discovers a new protégé, Vera Novak (Jacqueline Horner) in a convent. When the boy returns to find this new obstacle, he plans to kill her too. The events and complications that follow are filled with melodramatic clichés, incredible and ridiculous. The whole thing smells like a grade B film. The characters are without dimension, oversophisticated and sentimentalized and sometimes even offensive. Joe Pevney, the director, doubled his difficulties with very poor casting.

Ivan Simpson does an excellent job with the old gardener Titosh and Scott McKay brings personality if little else to his music critic.

However, David Ellen's portrayal of the psychotic Leo Pollard is very poor. Jacqueline Horner is supposed to be 12 years old and I suppose she plays the piano well enough. She has learned to speak her lines like a good girl.

Ralph Alswang, as is so often the case with our talented designers, designed himself an imaginative setting despite the play.

Walt Whitman Letter Contest

Walt Whitman's birthday, May 31, has been set as the deadline for the Daily Worker's Whitman prize letter contest. The topic is "What Walt Whitman Has Meant To Me."

Letters may range in length from 300 to 700 words. There will be three prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5. Letters should be addressed to Whitman Letter Contest, Feature Department, Daily Worker. We reserve the right to print any of the letters entered in the contest. Get yours in before the deadline!

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Remains of a burned out building serves as temporary quarters for the defenders of Stalingrad. A scene from "Days and Nights," new Soviet film based on the novel by Konstantine Simonov, now at the Stanley Theatre.

Soviet and Hollywood Film Plans Contrasted

By David Platt

THE Soviet film industry announces a five-year plan for new films which will stress the following themes:

- 1—The advantages of the Soviet regime over capitalism.
- 2—The role of the Communist Party.
- 3—Solidarity and friendship of the many nationalities composing the Soviet Union.
- 4—The People's vigilance, patriotism and duties to the state.
- 5—Commemoration of outstanding war heroes and heroines.
- 6—The Soviet way of life.
- 7—The family.
- 8—Mother heroines (mothers with ten children).
- 9—Children and Youth.
- 10—Documentation of the five-year plan.
- 11—Problems facing the Soviet Union.
- 12—Industry, agriculture and life in the 15 Soviet Republics.
- 13—Popularization of achievements in science, engineering and technical progress.

The film studios in this country

also seem to have a plan. The new Hollywood films in preparation and production will stress the following themes:

- 1—Crime does not pay.
 - 2—Woman's place is in the kitchen.
 - 3—Problems of the idle rich.
 - 4—People are funny.
 - 5—Love conquers all.
 - 6—Horse-thieves still roam the wildwest.
 - 7—Be kind to animals.
 - 8—Dracula rules the laboratory.
 - 9—The white man's burden.
 - 10—East is East.
 - 11—Say it with atom bombs.
 - 12—Life can be beautiful.
- Enough said!

Dorati Conducts Copeland Overture

Antal Dorati, conductor of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, makes his second and final appearance of the season directing the American Broadcasting Symphony on WJZ-ABC's June 1 Saturday Concert. He has programmed Aaron Copland's *Outdoor Overture*, Morton Gould's *Spirituals* and the Second Symphony of Beethoven. The program will be heard over WJZ-ABC from 5 to 6.

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The World-Telly Is Against YOU

An editorial attacking the railroad strikers ballyhooed on page 1 yesterday.

A column exposing the railroad trusts—suppressed.

That's the policy of the Scripps-Howard World-Telegram.

The Telegram significantly ignored facts in its possession showing that the real villain in the piece, enemy of railroad workers and all the people alike, is the powerful American Association of Railroads.

"The strike is against you," it said in a leading editorial.

The Telegram had facts on May 8 which proved exactly the opposite. They were in a column by Thomas L. Stokes. They were all set in type. But publisher Roy Howard ordered the column suppressed.

News of the suppressed column was published exclusively in the Daily Worker, Thursday, May 16.

"This top stratum has tremendous power because the banks, in turn, are affiliated with the nation's great industries," said the Stokes piece.

"By the way it fixes railroad and allied transportation rates, for example, it not only raises the cost of living for you and

me, for freight rates are an all-important item; but it also can hold back development of certain sections, such as, for example, the South and West. This it has done. . . ."

Stokes further reported in his suppressed article the railroad hierarchy had such power that it "refused reductions in rates to the government during the war in many cases, and those excessive charges all came out of our pockets as taxpayers."

But the World-Telegram editorial was silent about the profits of the railroad barons.

Wallace Tells ALP Rankin Can Be Licked

Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace told 1,500 labor and political leaders here yesterday that the House Wood-Rankin Committee can be eliminated if the people "cooperate with the brave and give courage to the faint-hearted."

Wallace was the main speaker at a dinner celebrating the 10th anniversary of the birth of the American Labor Party.

Others scheduled to speak were Sidney Hillman, State ALP chairman; Hyman Blumberg, secretary; Reps. Vito Marcantonio and A. Clayton Powell; Councilman Michael Quill; and State CIO president Louis Hollander.

In a wire to the gathering, Pres. Truman paid tribute to the war achievement of "free labor, working through the institutions of a democratic society."

Transfer

SOFIA, Bulgaria, May 24 (UP).—Parliament approved a bill today to transfer local German assets to the Soviet government in accordance with the Potsdam agreement.

Union to Fight KKK in Nassau

The KK revival in Long Island was linked to anti-union actions this week in a speech at a UE stewards' meeting held in Jamaica, L. I., to vote weekly strike support for the Ranger Aircraft local. A \$10,000 Long Island organizing drive was voted, as well as affiliation to the Nassau Conference on Human Rights.

George Rooney, business representative of Local 450, declared:

"The anti-picketing injunction granted against the Ranger Aircraft Local, the rides of the KKK, vandalism against Jewish Synagogues, violence against Negroes, are part of the total drive to make Long Island an 'Aryan Community.'"

Hear Columbia Plea Tuesday

COLUMBIA, Tenn., May 24. — Pleas of abatement in the indictment of 31 Negroes on "attempt to murder" charges will be made here next Tuesday by attorneys of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

The 31 face trial for defending their homes against a lynch mob Feb. 25. Two Negroes were shot to death in the local jail after state highway patrolmen wrecked the Negro business community.

The pleas of abatement filed in each of the indictments raise the question of exclusion of qualified Negroes from the grand jury which returned the indictments.

Leon A. Ransom, member of the national legal committee of the NAACP and former professor at Howard Law School, has been assigned to work with special NAACP counsel Thurgood Marshall and attorneys Z. Alexander Looby and Maurice Weaver.

Oliver Harrington, cartoonist and writer for the Negro press, will discuss the Columbia frameup in a WPAT radio broadcast 12:35 p.m., May 31. He will speak on the "Hunt for Happiness" program.

The Rail Strike and the Nation

(Continued from Page 1)

industrial magnates of America, among whom the railroad owners are the strongest power, are trying to develop a union-wrecking drive—just as the smashing of the strike of railroad shopmen of 1922 signaled the start of a similar attack.

They hope to stampede Congress, inflame public opinion, and steam-roll the most violently anti-labor measures proposed in a generation. The reactionary bloc of Congressmen are acting in behalf of the big corporations.

The same groups now hacking down the wage standards of labor are the enthusiastic sponsors of the drive for a new American empire. The "get-tough-with-Russia" gang is also the "get-tough-with-Labor" gang.

President Truman's "get tough" policies do not seem to apply against the ruthless trusts who are turning the nation into a shambles for the sake of their own power and profit. All the actions of the Government are in the direction of breaking the strike.

The wanton defiance of the nation by the railroad trusts and coal operators makes necessary a public demand for Government ownership of railroads and mines, with guarantees to the unions of the right to strike and bargain collectively.

Seizure Is Strikebreaking

But there should be no confusion between government "seizure" and government ownership. Seizure is only government custody over industries for the owners. It actually amounts to government strikebreaking for the owners.

Nationalization under strict trade union and public control would mean operation of the railroads and mines for the benefit of the nation—not at the expense of the employees or service, but at the expense of profits.

The railroad magnates must not be permitted to pit one section of labor against the other as they did in 1922. The 20 railroad unions should act jointly in this crisis. They are all interested in the issues being fought out.

We further suggest that the AFL, CIO and Brotherhoods call an immediate joint conference to deal with the emergency. They should serve notice upon the nation's industrialists that their new attempt to break through labor's ranks will be challenged by united labor.

They should further warn members of Congress against being stampeded for anti-labor legislation and demand that action be taken against the monopolists who are really responsible for the situation.

They should demand that the government refrain from strikebreaking and press the owners to bargain in good faith.

Every community in the country should be awakened to the danger for America if the open shoppers succeed in breaking through.

Americans everywhere will back the strikers if the issues are made known to them.

The railroad workers are entitled to a decent wage standard.

They are entitled to changes in working rules to provide at least the standard contract provisions that millions of other workers enjoy.

Get your union or organization to back the Railroad Workers.

Wire your Congressmen not to vote for union-busting legislation!

Demand that the government negotiate a genuine labor contract with the unions and force the owners to comply!

[See tomorrow's Daily Worker for comment on President Truman's speech, delivered after we went to press.]

13-HOUR DAY, 3 DAYS IN ROW, IS TOO MUCH

By Mary Harrington

By United Press

Charles Klopp has been a railroad engineer for 43 years, and the only time he stayed away from his job—until yesterday—was when his wife died, three years ago.

But he left his train tonight, and he won't go back until the railroad strike is settled.

"Tell the folks I'm sorry," Klopp said. "I've never been on strike before. I've always felt sort of like the postman, you know—not rain, nor snow, not anything can keep my Number 65 from going out on time."

13 HOURS, 13 DAYS STRAIGHT

Klopp, 65, is engineer of the New York Central's crack New York to Chicago train, the Advance Commodore Vanderbilt. He sat in the engine tonight until 5 p.m. and then he went home with the rest of the crew. Klopp approved the strike because:

"It's too much to ask a man to work 13 hours a day, and work six days a week one week and seven days the next. It's not good, that's all."

"I don't figure I'm so underpaid," he said. His salary averages \$360 per month, at the rate of 9 cents per rail mile. Klopp usually travels 4,000 miles per month. "But men should get that money for putting in an eight hour day," he added.

I LOVE TRAINS

Still, a strike was hard to take for men like Klopp.

"The thing is, I love trains, always have," Klopp said. "I like the sound of whistles in the night and

the little towns we go through get so familiar it's like my own town every time."

Klopp's first engineering job was on an old-time freight, back in 1903.

"We had little bits of engines in



END OF THE RUN: Engineer Dan Sullivan carries an overnight bag in one hand and his good suit in the other leaving the engine cab of the Pittsfield Express as the railroad strike went into effect.

these days that look like teakettles alongside the ones we got today," Klopp said. "But trains had more personality then. You could tell them apart by the sound of their whistles. You can't anymore."

"Trains now have lost their personality," Klopp said. "But that's a lot better for the passengers. They're cleaner and faster. I wear a business suit and look like a banker in my cab now. It's so clean even in the engine."

Tomorrow morning, for the first time in 12 years, Klopp won't get up at 4:45 a.m.

"I'll waken anyhow," he said. "But I'll take it easy for the first time in 43 years. Only tell the folks I'm sorry, will you? I didn't want it to turn out bad either."

Dewey Hints He Could Break Strike Quicker

ALBANY, May 24 (UP). — Governor Dewey announced today he had placed New York State "on the alert," and is ready to declare a state of emergency because of the railroad strike.

Dewey said the emergency order may be needed "if the Government continues its impotency to handle the situation."

He named Charles H. Sells, public works superintendent, as emergency director.

The Governor said the state was prepared to take over every truck, barge and other means of transportation.

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